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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, we, the members of the House of Representatives, show respect for our constituents by holding ourselves to the highest standards of civil discourse; and

WHEREAS, we recognize our role as servant-leaders in setting the appropriate tone for thoughtful discussion, realizing that we must lead on this issue in hopes that those from Washington D.C. to the farthest corners of our districts will rise to the challenge and recognize the immediate need for a more civil tone to political debate; and

WHEREAS, free discussion in the public square is vital for our nation to grow and meet today's challenges so it can survive to face the challenges of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, each of us are elected representatives of our district, representing Republicans, Democrats, Independents, and many who do not align



with a political party or even care about politics; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that much of what is reported on politics only showcases conflict and misses the many acts of understanding and compassion that, while less sensational, are far more frequent and real; and

WHEREAS, it is our responsibility as the members of the House of Representatives to take a greater role in making proper political behavior sensational; and

WHEREAS, our constituents have the right to expect all one hundred (100) members of the House of Representatives to work together for the betterment of all of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, petty personal attacks do not accomplish the goal of working together for the betterment of this state, but thoughtful and honest debate serves that goal; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that the members of the House of Representatives will commonly disagree, but we resolve to disagree without being disagreeable; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that the members of the House of Representatives come from up to one hundred (100) different points of view and we respect and revere a process which began in 1776 and continues today, allowing for presentation, debate, votes, and a decision with the legislative body then respectfully moving on the next item of business for the people; and

WHEREAS, our constituents deserve our very best behavior and we should demand it of ourselves; and

WHEREAS, if we cannot talk civilly about the pressing problems facing our society, then we can never expect to solve them; and

WHEREAS, the forces of evil seek to destroy from within with discord and disruption, but we recognize that far more unites us than divides us,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT we, the members of the House of Representatives, resolve that it is time to call upon ourselves and our respective political parties to respect and honor the time-tested tenets of civil discourse and help bring out nation together.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that from this day forward we, the members of the House of Representatives, pledge to demonstrate the statesmanship our citizens deserve and the statesmanship our nation desperately needs.